

# Preliminary Assessment Report

## Project 3018670, 1701 NW 56TH ST

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**Assessment Completed:** 10/20/2014

**Project Description:** EDG - The proposal is for a mixed use project with approximately 173 residential units, 3,917 sq. ft. retail and 11,684 sq. ft. live work and below grade parking for 117 vehicles.

**Primary Applicant:** [Brenda Barnes](#)

This report lists the results of a preliminary assessment of your project requirements by various city departments. It's based on the project characteristics described on your site plan and preliminary application form. If your project required a pre-application site visit (PASV), the results of that site visit are also included. The goal of this report is to help you create a complete submittal package and reduce the need for corrections once your application has been submitted.

### Next Steps

1. Review the requirements in this report and contact the staff members listed below with questions.
2. If a street improvement plan is required, develop and submit it to the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). **The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) will not accept your permit application until your street improvement plan is approved as 60% complete by SDOT. See [SDOT Client Assistance Memo 2213](#) for guidance about the 60% complete approval process.**
3. Schedule an appointment for permit application intake with DPD. **Please bring a copy of this report to your intake appointment.**

### Questions About This Report

If you have questions about the information in this report, contact the appropriate city staff member for each section.

#### DPD Drainage Requirements

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#### DPD Land Use Requirements

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#### DPD Preapplication Site Visit Requirements

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#### Seattle City Light Requirements

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#### Seattle Department of Transportation Requirements

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#### Seattle Public Utilities Requirements

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#### Water Availability

SPU Staff, (206) 684-3333, [SPUWaterAvailability@Seattle.Gov](mailto:SPUWaterAvailability@Seattle.Gov)

## Other Resources

- General questions about the permit process: Contact the DPD Applicant Services Center (ASC) at 206-684-8850.
- User-friendly guides to city permitting processes: [DPD](#) and [SDOT](#).
- [Detailed zoning information](#).
- Visit our [permit type pages](#) for step-by-step instructions and forms for preparing your application and plans for review.

## Requirements

### **DPD Drainage Requirements**

The following requirements are based on the current stormwater and side sewer codes.

#### **Existing Public Drainage Infrastructure**

Sanitary sewer main location: NW 56th St.

Sanitary sewer main size: 8" Diameter

Storm drainage main location: 17th Ave. NW

Storm drainage main size: 15" Diameter

#### **Drainage**

The drainage point of discharge (SMC 22.805.020) is located at: Public storm drain system.

#### **Flow Control Compliance**

All new, replaced, and disturbed topsoil shall be amended with organic matter per rules promulgated by the Director prior to completion of the project to improve onsite management of drainage water flow and water quality per SMC 22.805.020.E. A completed [Construction Stormwater Control and Soil Amendment Standard Plan](#) is required.

Submit a [Standard Drainage Control Plan for Small Projects](#) including the [Green Stormwater Requirement Calculator](#).

For projects with 5,000 square feet or more of new plus replaced impervious surface, a comprehensive drainage control plan and construction stormwater control plan shall be prepared by a licensed engineer.

#### **Water Quality**

No requirements

#### **Wastewater**

All homeowners and building owners in King County's service area whose home or building was newly connected to the King County sewer system on or after Feb. 1, 1990 must pay a [King County Capacity Charge](#).

#### **Permanent and Temporary Dewatering**

Per SMC 21.16.110, the proposed project requires a separate side sewer permit for temporary dewatering based on the following: excavation greater than 12 feet deep.

The footing drain (if part of building plan) point of discharge ([DPD DR 4-2011](#)) is located at the following: Public storm drain system.

### **DPD Land Use Code Requirements**

#### **Street Requirements**

Based on the scope of the proposed project, the following street improvements are required per Chapter 23.53 of the Seattle Municipal Code. Please review Right-of-Way Improvements Manual for design criteria (<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/rowmanual/manual/>). Show required street improvements on your "enhanced site plan" at DPD permit application intake. If an SDOT Street Improvement Plan (SIP) is required, please list SDOT project number and SDOT contact name on the enhanced site plan. Street Improvement Plans must be accepted by SDOT prior to DPD permit application intake.

#### **NW 56TH ST**

Street trees shall be provided in the planting strip according to Seattle Department of Transportation Tree Planting Standards. Contact SDOT Urban Forestry (for residential projects: (206) 684-TREE; for all others: (206) 684-5693), to determine species of tree and standards of planting. Please add a note to the site plan

showing size, location and species of tree to be planted.  
<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/treeplanting.htm>.

Existing curbcuts that will no longer be used are required to be removed, and the curblineline reinstalled, per SDOT standards.

Any planting proposed within the ROW must be reviewed and approved by DPD and SDOT.

## **17TH AVE NW**

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## **Alley Requirements**

### **ALLEY SOUTH OF SITE**

Pave the width of the alley abutting the lot and the portion of alley between the lot and the connecting street. The Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual ([http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse\\_docs.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_docs.htm)) contains design details.

A 5 foot dedication is required. Refer to SDOT CAM 2203. Please see  
[http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse\\_docs.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_docs.htm).

## **Land Use**

Based on the project scope. SEPA may be required. See DPD Director's Rule 12-2012 for more details (<http://web1.seattle.gov/dpd/dirrulesviewer/>).

Design Review is required; see CAM 238 for more details. Departures from development standards should be identified as early as possible in the application process.

Alley access may be required

## **Other Requirements**

A presubmittal conference is required before to submitting an application. Details for preparing and submitting a presubmittal request form can be found at our Web site ([http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Publications/Forms/Building Permits/default.asp](http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Publications/Forms/Building_Permits/default.asp)).

Since your development proposal includes alteration or demo of a 50+ year old structure, you are required to submit a "referral" to the Historic Preservation Program at Department of Neighborhoods (DON). DON staff will review the eligibility of the structure as a landmark. This determination must be made before you can schedule an intake appointment for your project.

Please see Client Assistance Memo 3000 titled "DPD and DON Referral Process for Determining Landmark Eligibility" (pages 3-4). Your referral application should include a response to the "Appendix A of the Interdepartmental Agreement" on page 6 of the CAM. The referral information should be sent to "Karen Gordon, City Historic Preservation Officer, Department of Neighborhoods, PO Box 94649, Seattle, WA 98124".

Once the DON staff review the information contained in your referral, one of the following three determinations will be made:

- 1) The building appears to be ineligible as a landmark and no further Department of Neighborhoods review is required. You may schedule your intake appointment.
- 2) The subject building appears to be eligible and a Landmark Nomination application must be submitted to the DON Historic Preservation Program. This application and determination must occur before DPD permit intake since the outcome of this landmark nomination decision may affect the design or feasibility of your project.
- 3) The subject building/site is determined to be a designated City Landmark. A Certificate of Approval from the Landmarks Preservation Board is required for changes proposed to the designated features of the Landmark. You will need provide a copy of your application for a Landmark Certificate of Approval prior to permit intake. No DPD permit will not be issued until the Certificate of Approval has been issued.

## **Pre-Application Site Visit (PASV) Requirements**

PASV report requirements may be subject to additions, changes, or modifications by the department. The purpose of the report is to alert the applicant that there may be unusual or complex site conditions that trigger requirements from the department regarding this project. **The applicant is responsible for providing all required documents at the intake appointment.** If you have questions about this report or the PASV process, please contact the DPD Site Development Team at (206) 684-8860.

**Note:** Any project application associated with the development site can utilize the results from this PASV if the application is accepted by DPD within 24 months of the above inspection date. After 24 months, the applicant must apply for another PASV. No extensions will be granted.

### **ECA Mapping Unit and Type**

Non-ECA

### **Earth Disturbance**

If excavation has the potential to encroach on adjacent property in order to facilitate construction activity, please provide documentation of consent from the adjacent property owner. Show area of proposed encroachment on the submitted drawings and detailed cross-sections.

If temporary cuts greater than 1h:1v will be required in order to facilitate construction activity, please provide a geotechnical engineer's verification that soil conditions allow cuts to stand unsupported. Include detailed cross sections.

Please show all existing and proposed retaining walls/rockeries and the exposed height. See inspectors notes

If shoring will be required, please provide submittals by geotechnical and structural engineers and show the proposed system on the submitted drawings. Include detailed cross sections.

### **Existing ROW Conditions**

#### **NW 56TH ST**

Street conditions:

Concrete paving

Visible pavement width is: 52LF

Curb conditions:

Curb adjacent to site

Concrete

Approximate curb height: 6" inches

A storm inlet does not appear to be located <350 ft from the site and prior to crossing a public right of way.

#### **17TH AVE NW**

Street conditions:

Concrete paving

Visible pavement width is: 30LF

Curb conditions:

Curb adjacent to site

Concrete

Approximate curb height: 5" inches

A storm inlet is located <350 ft from the site and prior to crossing a public right of way. CB prior to NW Market St- Sope to S

It appears that drainage from that discharge point will remain in the gutter line all the way to the nearest inlet structure, but this assessment is preliminary and it is the responsibility of the applicant to meet all relevant SW code requirements.

#### **ALLEY SOUTH OF SITE**

Asphalt surface

Unimproved

Comments: poor shape, no drainage

### **Potential Impacts to Seattle Parks Property**

No parks property in vicinity

## Tree Protection

Trees greater than 6 inches in diameter as measured 4.5 ft above ground are present on the site but not shown on the site plan. Show the dripline of

- 1) **all** trees on the site,
- 2) adjacent trees that encroach on the site that are greater than 6 inches in diameter as measured 4.5 ft above ground, and
- 3) **all** trees located in the adjacent ROW.

Include common and scientific names for all trees shown. For more information, see [Director's Rule 16-2008](#) and [Tip 242](#).

## Construction Stormwater Control

All projects with earth disturbance, regardless of size, require temporary and permanent stormwater control in accordance with the Construction Stormwater Control (CSC) Technical Requirements Manual ([DR 16-2009, Volume 2](#)).

**Show the following on the [Construction Stormwater Control and Soil Amendment Standard Plan](#):**

Place filter fabric, straw bales, straw wattles, or other approved equal to control construction stormwater runoff. Required along the following property lines:

Place compost socks, compost berms, filter fabric fencing, straw bales, straw wattles, or other approved perimeter control BMPs to eliminate construction stormwater runoff.

Show the location of a stabilized construction access to the site; show methods to eliminate uncontrolled conveyance of mud and dirt into the right of way (ROW).

Cover bare soil with compost blankets, straw, mulch, matting, or other approved equal to control construction stormwater runoff.

Cover stockpiles and bare slopes with compost blankets, tarps, matting or other approved equal to control construction stormwater runoff.

A First Ground Disturbance inspection is required before any ground disturbance related to this permit, including demolition, tree cutting, clearing, grubbing, and grading. After your permit is issued, schedule an inspection by calling (206) 684-8900 or [online](#) at <http://web1.seattle.gov/DPD/InspectionRequest/default.aspx>.

## Inspectors Notes

The most Western part of the property on the W side butts up to an existing building with underground parking. There is a retaining wall starting approx 2' to 9' in height from the street side to the S. ending at 9'. The alley does not drain to anything and does not have a defined v shape. Very inconsistent

## Seattle City Light Requirements

### Street/Alley Requirements

#### NW 56TH ST

Clearance from Structures: 10-ft horizontal clearance is required between power lines and any part of the permanent structure. Vertically, 12.5 to 13.5 feet is required depending on access to pedestrians. Additional clearance is highly recommended to account for future building maintenance. Review DPD TIP 122, Electric Utility Clearance Requirements, and SCL Construction Guideline D2-3 (<http://www.seattle.gov/Light/engstd/Docs/ConStd/d23.pdf>). Transmission lines require greater clearance. Changes to SCL's system to meet clearances are done at the project's expense. There are overhead high voltage lines along NW 56th St.

Working Clearance: State law requires construction workers, their tools, machinery, equipment, and materials to maintain a 10-foot clearance from power lines. Review WAC 296-24-960 and OSHA 1910.333(c)(3)(i). Transmission lines require greater clearance. To work near power lines, notify SCL well in advance to de-energize and ground the lines, or relocate the lines temporarily. This SCL work is done at the project's expense. There are overhead high voltage lines along NW 56th St.

An SCL engineer will require scaled building elevation drawings to determine clearances. Please submit an extra set of plans at DPD intake.

Underground electrical facilities/conductors require separation from other utilities. Review SCL Construction Guideline U2-10/NDK-50, Electrical Conduit and Facilities in the Public Rights of Way (<http://www.seattle.gov/Light/engstd/>). Before digging, contact the Utilities Underground Location Center ("one-call") at (800) 424-5555 two business days in advance to locate and mark underground utilities, per state law (RCW 19.122). There is an underground service crossing to the north from NW 56th St.

Based on our assessment of the size of your project, you may need transformers on your private property for power service to your building. This can be done with vaults inside the building, below-grade vaults, or above-grade pads exterior to the building. Include these facilities for your project power needs in your

building plans. SCL has access, clearance, size and location requirements for vaults. Some transformers require long lead times to obtain. Contact SCL well in advance to provide electrical service size and voltage details.

## **17TH AVE NW**

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## **Conservation**

Built Smart Programs - SCL offers developers of 5+ unit multifamily buildings incentives for installation of energy efficiency measures. From insulation and windows to lighting and appliances, take advantage of new technologies and construct a more efficient building with our help. For more information: contact Beth Rocha at (206)684-5945 or [beth.rocha@seattle.gov](mailto:beth.rocha@seattle.gov).

## **Notes to Applicant**

For new service, please contact the Electrical Service Representative for your area several months before new service is required to determine your electric service design, service location and what kind of service is available at the building site. An Application for Electrical Service must be submitted to Seattle City Light. The Electrical Service Representative should also be contacted to coordinate electrical disconnections prior to demolition and temporary power for construction. Your Electrical Service Representative is: Stephanie Franklin, 206-615-0604, [stephanie.franklin@seattle.gov](mailto:stephanie.franklin@seattle.gov). Be advised that it is the applicant's responsibility to seek guidance from SCL. Failure to contact SCL early in the permit process could severely impact your project's scope, schedule and budget. This responsibility rests solely with the applicant.

## **Other Requirements**

- Additional Working Clearance Requirements: For cranes and derricks working near 26kV power lines, the OSHA standard is 20 feet clearance from power lines.

## **SDOT Requirements**

The City of Seattle's Right-of-Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and SDOT's Street & Sidewalk Pavement Opening and Restoration (PORR) Director's Rule 2004-02 may be accessed from SDOT's Street Use website at: [http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse\\_docs.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_docs.htm). Whenever possible, specific reference notation for these two design documents is noted next to the design characteristics below. Be advised that these specific section and chapter references are provided as preliminary guidance only and are not comprehensive in scope.

## **SDOT Permitting Information**

Initial Review Deposit: \$2,500

SDOT Plan Requirements: Engineered plan

SDOT Permit Requirements: Group 3: Street Use Major (Type 45). A 60% complete street improvement plan (SIP) must be approved by SDOT prior to your DPD construction intake appointment. SIP Design Guidance is required for 60% complete SIP approval; apply early. Please visit SDOT's Street Use website at: [http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse\\_sip.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_sip.htm) to obtain SDOT Client Assistance Memos (CAMs) and application materials to assist in developing your street improvement plan (SIP).

All private encroachments in the public right-of-way (ROW) require a 30-day permit that is renewed annually.

Based on the scope of your project and the proximity to the lot line a SIP may be triggered by the extent of construction impacts to existing street, sidewalk or alley improvements. If more than 2,000 sf of impervious surface in the right of way will be replaced a SIP will be required.

A drainage review is required as part of the Street Use Permit if more than 750 square feet of land disturbing activity will take place in the right of way.

## **Street Improvement Requirements NW 56TH ST**

Tree planting. See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and City of Seattle Standard Plans 030, 100 and 424. Contact SDOT Urban Forestry for residential projects at (206) 684-TREE; for all others at (206) 684-5693 for approval of species and placement.

All improvements on private property must accommodate the right of way elevation at the property line using the standard cross-section in the ROWIM. Right of way grading may be required to provide vehicular and pedestrian access that meets the standard cross-section.

New/replacement sidewalk: See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) as well as the City of Seattle Standard Plan 420, 421 and 422.

New/Replacement Curb: See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and the City of Seattle Standard Plan 410. Construct new curb & restoration @ existing drwy closures.

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All improvements on private property must accommodate the right of way elevation at the property line using the standard cross-section in the ROWIM. Right of way grading may be required to provide vehicular and pedestrian access that meets the standard cross-section.

New/replacement sidewalk: See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) as well as the City of Seattle Standard Plan 420, 421 and 422. Repair & restoration of existing as needed.

New/replacement driveway: If there is a concrete curb in front of the project, the Street Use curb cut permit is issued by DPD. If there is not a concrete curb in front of the project, a Group 2 Street Use permit must be issued by Street Use. Refer to Standard Plan 430 for driveway curb cut standards. widen alley drwy with alley dedication/widening

## **Alley Requirements**

### **ALLEY SOUTH OF SITE**

Alley Grading: Standard alley cross section at established grade for portion of alley being improved. See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) chapter 4. Apply for SDOT SIP Design Guidance. See SDOT CAM 2211. std alley grading & pavement widening in 5' dedication.

Alley Drainage: Required for portion of alley being improved. A drainage review is required for any project which involves more than 750 sq ft of land disturbing activity in the public right-of-way. See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) section 4.17.

## **SPU Requirements**

### **Flow Control Compliance**

All new, replaced, and disturbed topsoil shall be amended with organic matter per rules promulgated by the Director prior to completion of the project to improve onsite management of drainage water flow and water quality per SMC 22.805.020.E. For projects with 5,000 square feet or more of new and replaced impervious surface, a comprehensive drainage control plan shall be prepared by a licensed engineer.

All trail and sidewalk projects shall implement green stormwater infrastructure to the maximum extent feasible per SMC 22.805.030. Refer to DR SF-MEF and CAM 501. Table 4.6

## **Water Availability**

Your water availability assessment has been approved.

Water Availability Certificate reference number: 20141885

Water Availability Certificate status: Approved with No Changes

Prepared by: Richard F Wilson

### **Existing Water System Information**

Proximity of nearest fire hydrant is: 140 feet NE of property. Meets standards.

Water Main:

Size: 8 inches	Material: Cast Iron	Class: C
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Water Main is available to serve in: NW 56th Street

Distance of main to S margin of street is 43 feet.

Public ROW width is 66 feet.

Water Service(s):

Size: 3/4"	Material: Copper
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Size: 3/4"	Material: Copper
Size: 1"	Material: Copper

## **Other Requirements**



Owners of residential property occupied by a tenant who will be displaced by housing demolition, substantial rehabilitation, change of use, or removal of use restrictions may need to obtain a Tenant Relocation License. Refer to DPD Tip 123, Seattle's Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance, for further information and instructions or call (206) 684-7979.

If your project involves additions or modification to or demolition of an existing building that contains four or more dwelling units or 4,000 square feet or more of non-residential area, and the building is a designated historic landmark or is 50 years old and meets the criteria set forth in SMC 25.12 for landmark designation, SEPA is required. Please contact the Department of Neighborhoods at (206) 684-0228 or [www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation](http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation) to determine if your building is a designated landmark or if a referral is necessary to determine if the building meets the criteria in SMC 25.12. Refer to Tip 208 for information regarding the application requirements for a SEPA review and Tip 3000 for information regarding landmarks and historic preservation.

If the scope of your proposed project changes before your DPD intake appointment or SDOT street improvement plan application, the requirements in this report may change. If there are municipal code and ordinance changes before our DPD intake appointment, the project must meet the new code requirements. Additional street improvement requirements may be triggered if a permit application for a development project on adjacent property is also undergoing review.

Please be aware that all persons or companies working within the City limits, including all contractors, subcontractors, permit expeditors and other service providers are required to possess a valid City of Seattle business license. This license is required in addition to any other licenses required by the State of Washington, such as a contractors' license or state business license. For more information about City of Seattle business licenses, please contact inspector Michale Crooks at 206-684-8871, [Michale.Crooks@seattle.gov](mailto:Michale.Crooks@seattle.gov), or visit the [Licensing and Tax Administration Division website](#).